**Tanana Tribal Council**
**TRIBAL HEALTH OFFICE**
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# FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
# OR
# PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT – CERTIFIED

Friendly Athabascan Indian community on Yukon River offers challenging an independent position for skilled practitioner. Summer boating, gardening, and fishing under the midnight sun. Winter snowmobiling, cross-country skiing under crisp blue skies. Shared call in two-practitioner health center. Free housing, generous benefits; relocation allowance provided.

Tanana is located approximately 145 miles by air from Fairbanks at the confluence of the Yukon and Tanana Rivers. The area is surrounded by stands of birch, aspen, and spruce. The summer growing season is short, but the midnight sun makes it intense. Many people have gardens and also take advantage of the abundance of wild blueberries, raspberries, and cranberries that ripen in the hills around the town. The local lifestyle is based on subsistence with moose, caribou, and salmon providing the basis for many meals.

Transportation to and from Tanana is by air, with several commercial airlines providing an average of eight flights per day in and out of the community on twin-engine planes. The flight between Fairbanks and Tanana takes about forty-five minutes. There are only two to three days each year when weather conditions make it impossible to fly into the community. There is an air ambulance service for emergency medical evacuations to Fairbanks.

The medical practice is family oriented general medical with emphasis on prevention and education. A sixteen bed regional elders' residence adds an element of geriatric practice to address the needs of ambulatory but fragile elders. After-hours call-back is shared between two practitioners on a five-day on, five-day off rotation. Call-back is for emergencies only and the call-back load is light. A Memorandum of Agreement through Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center in Fairbanks provides professional pharmacy consultation; laboratory services; and physician consultation. The Health Center staff consists of a mid-level practitioner (FNP, NP, or PA-C) and a community health practitioner (CHP); medical records clerk/receptionist, janitor and maintenance, administrator, and ETT/EMT volunteers.

This is a very independent practice and requires practitioners with a degree of skill in emergency and general medical practice. Prescriptive authority is required. The ability to get along well in a cross-cultural situation is vital. Flexibility, good-humor, and communication skills are important.

Salary for this position is $76,000 per year.

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**Benefits Package includes:**

**Medical insurance coverage**
**Disability Insurance**
**Life Insurance**
**$5,400 Relocation allowance**
**Paid housing – heat, electricity, water, and sewer**
**4 hours annual leave per 80 hours worked**
**4 hours sick leave per 80 hours worked**
**Paid leave for CME training**
**401K and Profit Sharing Retirement after one year of employment**